

After the Storm

A publication for those affected by Hurricane Katrina

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New Orleans VA employees asked to report information

New Orleans VA employees should call 1-888-766-2474 to provide their name, position title, location and contact number so temporary placement can be initiated. New Orleans VA employees will remain on excused leave through Friday, September 9, 2005 or until placed at another VA medical center.

Employees who are working now and who worked last week will receive time-off awards.

If employees of New Orleans VA or VA Gulf Coast go to work at another facility other than their current place of employment, they will be authorized travel and per diem.

All assignments will be coordinated through VISN 16. For more information, employees can call 1-888-766-2474 from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. (central time).

Advance checks for employees

Employees affected by the hurricane can report to payroll at any VA health care facility and request advance pay. Employees will be allowed to receive up to 14 calendar days of advanced pay through a convenience check.

Helpful numbers and websites

Red Cross 1-866-Get Info
Red Cross 1-800-Help Now (Donations)
Red Cross family linking service 1-877-Loved-1S
FEMA: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) TTY: 1-800-462-7585
Veterans benefits and eligibility questions
1-877-222-VETS
www.visn16.med.va.gov
www.firstgov.gov
www.hurricanekatrinasurvivors.com

About After the Storm

The *After the Storm* newsletter is a publication produced by the South Central VA Health Care Network in an effort to supply updated information to those affected by Hurricane Katrina as we continue to recover from this devastating storm.

This newsletter will be published on a recurring basis. For more information about the publication or to provide story ideas or information, call April Smith, writer/editor, VISN 16, at 601-364-7902.

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VA employees save 5-year-old

He was hunkered down under a four-foot tall pile of debris that minutes before had been part of an apartment complex with a view of glittering gambling boats and the gentle ebb and flow of the Mississippi Sound.

He was cold and he was wet. He was also alive.

That's the way three employees from VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System remember finding five-year-old Justin.

"It's a miracle is what it was," said Jack Myers, maintenance and repair foreman.

Early Monday, Myers and colleagues Wayne Brown, AC shop foreman, and James Ware, plumbing shop foreman, had taken shelter in a building on the north side of Gulfport VA Campus – an area that offered some protection from storm surge and the ominous approach of killer Hurricane Katrina.

Their vehicles and their office, however, were on the more dangerous South Side of the Gulfport VA Campus.

"We were all standing around saying when is this going to quit," Ware said.

At 2 p.m., the three men went over to check on their vehicles. Ware remembers saying it was eerie outside and he hated thinking about the possibility of coming across a dead body.

Instead of dead bodies, they found Justin.

"I would have liked to have freaked," said Myers. "We picked him up and carried him back to the shelter. The rain was pelting us."

There, they dried him off. Fortunately, he suffered only some minor cuts and scratches.

They fed him and clothed him with an oversized VA uniform crudely tailored to fit his small frame. He also showed himself as a Mississippi State fan – asking and receiving a Bulldog hat that one of the men had worn.

"He's a very smart boy," said Brown. "He knew his name and his school and his teacher's name. He told us his momma had given him a pop tart and told him to go upstairs."

The boy just continued clutching that wet pop tart, remembered Brown. Justin didn't want to let go.

Justin pointed to where his home had been and asked about his family. His mother, father, grandmother and seven-oldyear brother all lived in the apartment.

"We thought if one person was alive maybe another person was alive," said Myers. The men went back and searched the area. However, they found no more living.

Harrison County Sheriff's Deputies later took Justin to a nearby hospital. Thankfully, Justin was reunited with his mother and brother. They survived Katrina. Sadly, his father and grandmother did not survive Katrina.

New Orleans VA employees

The following is a list of New Orleans VA employees who have either been evacuated to other facilities in the Network or have called in to report their safety. This is not a complete list of everyone who is safe, only those who have called. If you come in contact with or know other people who are safe, please have them contact us at 1-888-766-2474.

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Arnold, Alper	emp.)
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